

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

You claim this revision of the laws would serve our nation. That is a blatant misrepresentation; the revision you seek serves only your business and profit. Our nation is debilitated already by the public's cynicism over our news sources. A democracy is not served by a single or a few media conglomerate(s), and we are already more than halfway down that path. It is not at all unlikely that you will, instead of continuing "skating where the puck already is", as some of you describe it, draw the public's attention to your self-serving motivations and ignite a well-deserved backlash.

I have already turned off my AT&T cable service in objection to the highly subjective news coverage of the 9/11 disaster, the lack of coverage of vital political appointments and processes, and the pablum that gets served up several times a day instead. The 'masses' who gobbled up the single-perspective economic so-called news served by your conglomerates were burned badly, and you can pride yourselves on exposing the holes in the proposals to privatize social security and investment for retirement.